



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
Fifty-Second Legislature, Second Regular Session

FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2677

peace officer employment; study committee

Purpose

Establishes the Peace Officer Employment Study Committee to research staffing levels, recruitment and retention policies and practices and the impact these have on attrition rates and public safety.

Background

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1823, a person must be certified by the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST) to exercise the authority of a peace officer. In order to be certified a trainee must attend a police academy and take the Basic Peace Officer Course with a minimum of 585 hours of training, complete all other academy requirements and pass a Comprehensive Final Examination. Once a person is certified by AZPOST they may be appointed as a peace officer by an authorized agency.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Establishes the Peace Officer Employment Study Committee consisting of:
 - a) two appointed House members, one of whom is designated cochair;
 - b) two appointed Senate members, one of whom is designated cochair;
 - c) four appointed members representing a law enforcement association;
 - d) two appointed members representing the business community;
 - e) two appointed members representing the faith community; and
 - f) one appointed member representing the public.
2. Requires the committee to:
 - a) research peace officer staffing levels, recruitment and retention policies and practices and the impact these have on attrition rates and public safety;
 - b) meet at the state capitol, or another place as deemed necessary by the chairperson;
 - c) hold all meetings open to the public; and
 - d) submit findings and recommendations by December 31, 2016.
3. Allows the committee to request information, data and reports from any state agency or political subdivision, hold hearings, conduct fact-finding tours and take testimony from witnesses.

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4. Requires the legislature to provide staff and support services to the committee.
5. Requires state agencies to provide, to the extent possible, services, equipment, documents, personnel and facilities to the committee at no cost if requested.
6. Stipulates that committee members are not eligible to receive compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses.
7. Repeals the committee on September 30, 2017.
8. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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